

AMENDMENT VERSION WITH MARKINGS

In The Claims:

Without prejudice, please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A device, comprising:

a voltage source;

a program-controlled computer;

at least one switch that is connected in series [to] with the voltage source and [in] a piezoelectric actuator; and

a measurement unit that detects a voltage across at least one of the piezoelectric actuator and a supply lead of the piezoelectric actuator during an injection phase; wherein:

the program-controlled computer generates a voltage difference from at least two detected voltage values and compares the voltage difference to a predefined threshold, and

when a value of the predefined threshold is exceeded the program-controlled computer at least one of shuts off the voltage source, discharges the piezoelectric actuator, and produces a warning signal.